# COMMUNITY GENERATED BOND PROJECT IDEAS REPONSES

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#### **Hayden Road Streetscape**

Hayden Road south of Indian School Road is blighted in places and in need of a character to reflect the older housing in the area. The areas north and south of Oak and especially at Monte Vista are an embarrassment to the city. The decline deters business from investing in the area and people from investing in the homes. A few years ago SRP updated the substation and it made a big difference. It seems that the churches in the area have the biggest problems with blight. Can the city bring the landscape up to code in the areas that are paved to the sidewalk? What about sound walls for the neighborhoods along Hayden Road that of course would help with noise but also are a cohesive element to the redevelopment. Hayden Road was widened a few years ago from 2 lanes each way to 3 lanes. This has brought more noise into the area. It would be a great uplift for South Scottsdale to have Hayden Road updated.

#### HAYDEN ROAD STREETSCAPE

- Significant study on the utility, street profile and right of way issues are needed to determine the viability of the project.
- Under current City Council policy, noise walls are only considered when additional roadway capacity is added to a corridor.

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#### Scottsdale Needs Public Pickleball Courts

Pickleball is the fastest growing participation sport in Arizona. Virtually every sizeable city in the Valley, except Scottsdale, has public courts. Fountain Hills has 6 courts (3 of which are lighted) and over 150 members of their public "club". While the game is played by all ages, it's particularly attractive to the over 50 set --- perfectly matching Scottsdale's demographics. And would be an attractive addition to what's offered to visitors. One tennis court can be easily converted into four Pickleball courts, allowing 16 doubles players to play at any one time. A modest court fee would pay for the conversion in short order.

# SCOTTSDALE PUBLIC PICKLE BALL COURTS

- Currently there are no new parks or park remodeling in the current Capital Improvement Program (CIP) or Bond Project list.
- The addition of Pickle ball Courts could be a programming item for any future new park construction or remodeling of an existing park if the amenity is of community interest.

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#### Finish Indian School Road

I think it would be a good idea if the improvements made to Indian School Road between Hayden and Pima Roads were completed before Thomas Road starts. Every day while walking my pet in my neighborhood I see the same spray-paint markings identifying issues unfinished from that project a few years ago. Broken sidewalks and asphalt stamping on some street entrances and some aren't. Please finish Indian school before Thomas Rd begins.

#### FINISH INDIAN SCHOOL ROAD

- 300 feet of Indian School west of Pima was left unfinished during the Indian School Road project in anticipation of a major reconstruction of the Indian School and Pima Intersection.
- The Indian School Road and Pima Intersection is in the current CIP but currently does not have a schedule for design and construction.

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#### Indian Bend: Round-a-bout

There is a very dangerous 45 degree exit intersection which handles over a million vehicles each year and is an unacceptable traffic engineering plan that can be economically corrected/eliminated with a round-a-bout to be located a few hundred yards east of that intersection. It would improve safety, enhance traffic flow, and automatically reduce speeds of over 60MPH on Indian Bend. McCormick Railroad Park would benefit as well with the reduced speeds on behalf of the many families and children attempting to cross Indian Bend in high speed traffic.

#### INDIAN BEND: ROUNDABOUT

- Transportation staff is currently working with this issue.
- There is no collision history or traffic volume issue warranting a roundabout in this location.
- Additional signing and striping modifications are being considered as a solution.

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#### **Smithsonian Annex**

Years ago I was excited at the prospect. We need to lobby them and get a Western Annex here in our great town. Again, we need to move beyond retail, food, and resorts. Those are all great things, but Phoenix is beating at our door, and so is the Pima community, all adding viable alternatives. If we sleep, we lose. Mesa's art center is amazing, and one day their downtown will take hold. We have the tourist draw. Let's build upon it!

#### **SMITHSONIAN ANNEX**

This winter the City Council will consider an agreement for a downtown Scottsdale Western Museum.

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**Connecting Scottsdale Community College to Arizona State University** 

Extend the greenbelt which currently runs from McDonald to ASU up to Scottsdale Community College, by way of Chaparral Road, so both students and staff can safely cross Pima Road and get around or under the 101 safely.

# CONNECTING SCOTTSDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

- Multi use path currently exists along west side of Pima Road at Chaparral and connects to ASU.
- The East side of Pima Road all the way to Scottsdale CC is on Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC).
- Additional connections beyond the current path would need to be coordinated or originated by the SRPMIC.

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#### **Western Perspective Bird Sanctuary**

Ponds, marshes, trees, and an education center (museum), where people can learn, and the birds that are more typical of our environment and of the West in general are free to find refuge in this wonderful multi-acre, man-and-nature-made protected environment. I do not have a location in mind, but north Scottsdale is probably the most logical area. This could be a rallying point for the city to bring this to fruition. This would be a great tourist draw as well. We need to move past shopping, resorts and restaurants in this town to remain a place of choice.

# WESTERN PERSPECTIVE BIRD SANCTUARY

- The McDowell Sonoran Preserve located in Scottsdale, has protected over 21,000 acres of Sonoran Desert.
  - The Preserve its natural state it provides habitat for native bird species throughout its boundaries.
  - The Preserve is intended to remain in its natural state and thereby would not be an appropriate area to introduce ponds or marshes.
- Additionally there are areas in the parks along the Indian Bend Wash and in neighboring communities along the Verde and Salt Rivers which provide alternative bird sanctuary habitats.

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#### Scottsdale Rose Garden Magnifica

A rose garden for all generations to come. A tourist draw, a meeting place, a learning center. Roses do very well in our heated climate. Possible location would be the Green Belt Park just south of Chaparral Park (the old golf course). That is a beautiful central location, close to downtown, but yet, as a park, it is a bit underwhelming. Much of the infrastructure is in place. Add pathways, gazebos, sitting benches, elevated terraces, and lush rose gardens. It could also serve as a draw for weddings, educational school outings etc...yet, maintain its Green Belt link.

### SCOTTSDALE ROSE GARDEN MAGNIFICA

- The City of Scottsdale currently has a two rose gardens located in downtown Scottsdale.
  - One is located on the Civic Center Mall and the other at the Loloma School.
  - Each of the two Rose Gardens currently provide color and different selections.